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ALL THE NEWS

ENGLISH STRENGTHENING POSITIONS ALL ALONG LINE IN FRANCE

ASQUITH BACK OF **ACTION MAURICE**

Serious Political Situation Is Created-Of Vital Importance to Cabinet's Existence.

AIMED AT LLOYD GEORGE

Daily Mail Scents Maneuver of "Old Gang" to Reinstate Lansdowne and Gray.

WILL DISCLOSE FACTS

Lloyd George to Give Out Fig-ures Hitherto Withheld. (Associated Press.)

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London, May 8.—As a consequence of the political situation brought about by Gen. Maurice's letter, Premier Lloyd George, according to the lobby correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, considers it unavoidable to disclose facts which have been withheld up to this have been withheld up to this time for military reasons. The premier, it is added, intends to give facts and figures when he speaks on the Asquith motion on Thursday.__

(Associated Press.)

London, May 8.—As the result of the cabinet's decision to withdraw its offer to appoint two judges to inquire into the charges made by Maj.-Gen. F.-B. Maurice, former chief director of military operations at the war office, in which the veracity of ministers of the government was impugned, and the determination of the cabinet not to accept an inquiry by a select committee, as suggested in the motion made by former Premier Asquith, tomorrow's debate in the house of commons probably will range over all the old charges against the government in its relations with the army. What will follow from the debate is still obscure. If Mr. Asquith presses his motion to a division, the discussion will depend largely upon the action of the older conservatives, who, while anxious to give the government a knock, do not wish to bring about a general election during the war and prefer the coalition government to the radical one which might result if the cabinet were defeated and forced to resign.

London, May 8 .- The action of Gen. Maurice, former chief director military operations at the war office, in impugning the veracity of ministers of the government has created a most serious political situation and one which is of vital importance to the cabinet's existence, according to the views ex-pressed by several of the morning

newspapers. Papers which have consistently supported the present administration rally to its side and insinuate or assert ceived at The Hague, it is added, openly that former Premier Asquish show that the internal situation in

and the Marquis of Lansdowne. graph thinks, will be the most serious parliament face involving the question of its con-tinuance in power. The paper is continuance in power. The paper is con-vinced that the ministers acted in per-fect good faith when they made the statements which Gen. Maurice contradicts and believes they merely repeated information supplied by their military advisers. The Daily Telegraph believes the country has complete and justifiable confidence in the

government, but adds: "There is no doubt that the opposi-tion led by Mr. Asquith regards the time as ripe for it to accept the re-sponsibility of office. It is for the house of commons to choose. The alternative government would be exclu-

sively a radical one."

The Daily Mail, which strongly supports Premier Llcyd-George and is as strongly inimical to former Premier Asquith, says the debate on Mr. As quith's motion will afford him the neeeded opportunity for an attempt to bring about a parilamentary c 'sis remarks that when Gen. Maurice said no soldier had seen his letter he did

not say that no politician had seen it. "This omission." the Daily Mail adds, "coupled with Mr. Asquith's maneuvers in parliament on Tuesday. suggests that the old gang believes t has found a weapon which will destroy the government. We believe these infatuated partisans have made one more miscalculation. • • The nation has no confidence in the discredited and dilatory politicians and their pacifist hangers on who were driven from office eighteen months ago."

The Daily Graphic says: "Mr. Asquith's intervention indicates end. We must anticipate a new political struggle centering around the question of the premier's bonor."

conservative Morning Post says that the premier's own act brought the government to the present serious pass. He refused, it declares, to take the advice of soldiers, the Germans took advantage of the situation and the premier threw the blame on the soldiers. The Post adds:

"The hand of Nemesis ts now "A division stretched out. Lloyd-George will need says the call I his nimbleness to avoid being acked on the wheel of destiny. He has had his chance and has proven himself unfit for work in hand. But nobody can rejoice, who considers the alternative, at the prospect officred." dered it worthless.

The radical Daily News, which is opvote of censure so that parliament on possible information consistent with Thursday must make a decision in- public safety, citing figures in proof volving the life of the government.

LOOK OUT BELOW



SEPARATIST PROGRAM IN AUSTRIA ALARMS

Adjournment of Parliament Screwed Down Last Safety · Valve in Emergency.

(Associated Press.) London, May 8,-The latest separat ist program in Austria, according to the Daily Mail from The Hague, quoting advices from Vienna, is to create a state to be named Greater Moravia, which would include Silesia and the Slovene districts of Hungary. with the capital at Olmutz. Vienna newspapers of Saturday, re-

openly that former Fremier Asquire and his followers are back of Gvn. Maurice and that the affair is a manurer to oust the Lloyd-George cabinet and put in its place a cabinet headed by Mr. Asquith, Viscount Grey headed by Mr. Asquith, Viscount Grey headed by Mr. Asquith, Viscount Grey headed by Mr. Asquith of Langelowers and the followers of actual conditions in Austria. nd the Marquis of Lansdowne.

Thursday's debate, the Daily Telefire. It says that the adjournment of ph thinks, will be the most serious parliament screwed down the last any the government has had to safety valve at a moment when an explosion of popular feeling was liketo be provoked by extreme eco-

PASTOR RUSSELL'S SUCCESSOR

(Associated Press.) New York, May 8.—Joseph F. Rutherford, successor to Pastor Russell as head of the International Bible Students' association, and five other leaders of that organization, founded by Russell, were arrested in a raid by federal orities in the headquarters at the Bible Students' association in Brooklyn today.

CHARGE INDUSTRIAL TRUCE BROKEN BY COMPANIES

Telegraph Operators Declare Many Discharged Because of Un on Affiliations. (Associated Press.)

Washington, May 8 .- Charges that the industrial truce declared in the recent agreement between capital and labor has been broken by telegraph companies were heard today by the national war labor board. Telegraph operators declared many of their num-ber had been discharged because of union affiliations. The companies' side of the controversy was presented by Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union.

been an unedifying feature of political life will disappear."

The Times editorially urges the gov-

political truce is now at an ernment to stand firmly on their proposal of a judicial inquiry into the statements of Gen. Maurice.

London, May 8.—The government has issued a summons to its supporters requesting their attendance in the house of commons on Thurs-day, when "Mr. Asquith will move a resolution, which, if carried, will he a vote of censure of the gov-'A division is absolutely certain,'

According to the press association. the proposal to refer the Maurice af-fair to two judges may be regarded as withdrawn, as the suggestion did not appeal to the house, and its rejection by Mr. Asquith and his followers renand its rejection

On the other hand, it is added, it is The radical Daily News, will be that the posed to the premier, rejoices that the doubtful whether any other form of posed to the premier, rejoices that the doubtful whether any other form of posed to the premier, rejoices that the doubtful whether any other form of posed to the premier, rejoices that the doubtful whether any other form of posed to the premier, rejoices that the doubtful whether any other form of posed to the premier, rejoices that the with motion, but will treat it as a premier will give the house the fullest maurice was attacked by the Express which hopes and bethat "the government will dismatters involved in the statement of involved in the statement of pose of this latest mare's nest in such Gen. Maurice, it is understood an ex-an unmistakable manner that the in-planation perfectly consistent with the last two months, said an restricted warfare which lately has both versions will be made.

NEARLY \$100,000,000 SPIRAL DIVE MAY

Railroad Men Will Profit if Wage Commission's Recommendations Pass.

Washington, May 8.—Nearly \$100,000,000 will be immediately distributed in back pay to railroad men and approximately \$300,000,000 in salary increases will be granted the railroad workers of the try if the recommendations of the railroad wage commission are ac-cepted by the director-general of railroads, it was learned today.

No changes will be made in the hours of service now in effect, nor in the present method of payment for overtime service. No worker who receives \$250 a month or more will participate. it is said. All who receive \$85 month! or less will have from \$20 to \$34 added thereto; the \$85 per month will get \$119 by reason of the application of the findings of the commission, it was said. Men receiving \$2 per day, according to the recomendations, will be granted \$3 men will receive \$4.23; men \$5.20; \$5 men \$6.05, based upor

AND FOLLOWERS ARRESTED GENERAL FEDERATION **CLUBS ELECT OFFICERS**

salaries received in 1916.

(Associated Press.)

Bacon, Massachusetts, Recording secretary, Mrs. Adam

Weiss, Colorado. Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary I. Wood, New Hampshire, Treasurer, Mrs. Benjamin B. Clark,

Auditor, Mrs. William P. Harper

MODIFICATION OF

ment to the minority report of the ring committee on revisals which allows De law to stand as at present, with muchines were out in force. the following paragraph attached;

"Provided, further, that upon the represt of the quarterly conference, and the majority of the presiding elders concurring by ballot in the request, the bishop may appoint a preacher to a easteral charge for more than four onsecutive years." A proposal to limit the pastorate to

ight years, instead of four, was deated overwhelmingly. It was stated that the vote on the amendment presages the defeat of the report of the majority of the commit-

nation of the time limit. BROUGHT DOWN SEVEN GERMAN AIRPLANES

HAVE BEEN FATAL

American Aviators, in Thrilling Fight With Enemy.

PONT-A-MOUSSON

Drops Two Thousand Meters in Spiral, Then Descends Under Hot Fire.

(Associated Press.) With the American Army in France, Tuesday, May 7.-After a thrilling battle with enemy airplanes ten miles north of Pont-a-Mousson, Capt. James Norman Hall, one of the leading American aviators, made a spiral dive for the earth and was last seen close to the ground, apparently trying to

His fate is unknown.

Capt. Hall, with two others, was pa-trolling this morning between St. Mi-hici and Pont-a-Moussen. When they were over Pagny Sur Moselle, four en-Hot Springs, Ark., May 8.—Announcement was made at today's session of the bicanial convention of the
General Federation of Woman's Clubs
that the following officers were chosen
in vesterday's election to serve during with his machine sur. The pair made that the following officers of the pair made in yesterday's election to serve during with his machine gun. The pair made a spiral dive from 5,000 metres to 4,000 metres, when the German suddenly re-California.

First vice-president. Miss Georgie In a quick turn he poured a deadly of machine gun bullets into the Second vice-president, Mrs. Thomas bottom of Hall's machine, Capt, Hall G. Winter, Minnesota. promptly came out of the spiral and made a dive for the earth. He was last seen attempting to complete the

maneuver. Destruction Not Verified.

The usual German game was to have the "ultimate effect" of granting a small number of planes appear near credit for volunteers. The letter will the American lines, while a reserve of be used by Chairman Dent in his effect alarm was answered by the four or five machines remained out of fort to get the house to recede on its sight until the Americans came into credit amendment.



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nair," as though you were piffled or man positions. warm tonight and Thursday.

Different Localities Northeast of Amiens.

NEW INTENSITY SHOWN

By German Artillery in Meriten and Kemmel Sectors on Flanders Front.

(International News Service.) (International News Service.)
London, May 8.—The British front has been advanced in three dierent localities between the Somme and Ancre rivers, the way office announced today.

(The sector between the Somme and Ancre rivers lies east by northeast of Amiens on the Picardy battlefield.)
On the Flanders front the German artillery developed intense activity this morning in the sectors of Meriten and

morning in the sectors of Meriten and

During the night the German artil-lery bombarded the allied positions around Robecq, Locon and St. Julien. In the minor operations along the Picardy front the British-captured

WILL ACCOUNT FOR EACH **BILLION DOLLARS SPENT**

Inquiry of Aircraft Fiasco to Be Thorough, People Are Assured.

(International News Service.)*
Washington, May 8.—Determined to give the American people an accounting for every one of the billions of dollars appropriated by congress for the army, the senate military affairs committee today stood ready to launch its Inquiry into the aircraft program entirely apart from the investigation to be conducted by the deptartment of justice under the president's orders.

ders. The committee's investigation will be much broader in scope than that of the department of Justice. It proposes to reach into every detail of the aircraft program and give the nation facts covtigation by the prosecuting branch of against us has forced us to continue of the royal crown of the first class,"

the government. Beyond Aircraft Question. The committee expects to go even

beyond the aircraft question. It will conduct an executive stock-taking of the artillery program, which some far from its normal conditions. I plans also to delve into the quarter master's corps and show what is being done in the way of obtaining supplies of various kinds for the army An inventory showing just how much money has been spent and what there is to show for it is due the coun-

try, the committee contends, in favor enormous appropriations by the war department for next year's army program. These apprepriations, now in the form of estimates before the use military affairs committee, are not opposed by the senate committee. but there is belief that a thorough auditing of war expenditures will go

U. S. SENDS SWITZERLAND GRAIN, DEFIES U-BOATS resorted to, he said

aboard armed ships under heavy naval touched. Gen. (Frowler said, convoys prepared to fight their way through the danger zones. Two grain formed the committee that his deships left an Atlantic port some time partment is about to begin a national structure of the committee of the second wide combing through the second. others will go soon.

LORD FRENCH APPOINTED LIEUTENANT OF IRLEAND

(International News Service.) London, May 8 -A court circular has just been issued announcing officially the appointment of Lord French to be In the meantime the enemy ma-chines that the other Americans had considered to Lord Wimborne. The committee voted to empower to ask on healf of the committee that the house receded to Lord Wimborne.

action. The reserves would then swoop down in an attempt to wipe out the VICTIMS OF TYLER you twice the number of machines it was learned to pro- reported the Germans had nounce in the American aviators used

approved American aviators used Nicuport way the names of the towns o'er the sea. so you'll know when we capture a berg or a bill how the property of the formal to the towns o'er the weapons. The Americans engaged in weapons and artillery regulation work also had to fight. Two Americans till how the capture a berg or a tracked by two Germans. The fight lasted for helf or hour and ended to helf or s hill how the attacked by the bour and ended when pronunciation lasted for half an hour and ended when should be? Did one German went wobbling to the you know it's ground about three kilometres within the German lines. The fight took place it's "kes-yon-about two kilometres behind the Ger-

As a result of today's activity, it to I. Baylon of New Bedford. Wass, an American flor in France, has brought to another you must statter or their best flore to this sector to at their best flore to this sector to at their best flore to the sector to at the sector to at the sector to a s ing force.

PUSH FORWARD LACK OF ENTHUSIASM ONPICARDY FIELD FOR GERMAN OFFENSIVE

Tommies Make Gains in Three Letters Show Disaffection Among Both Civilians and Soldiers - Delay in Renewal of Drive Not Misleading Allies to Think Blow Will Not Fall.

> (International News Service.) Washington, May 8 .- The British are holding and strengthening positions all along the line in France.

the harassing British fire, heavy rain has fallen in Flanders and the German is now realizing in the old Ypres salient what Flanders mud really is.

Documents and letters are constantly falling into British hands which show both among the civilian element and the soldiers themselves great lack of enthusiasm for the German offensive, Much information of this nature was obtained on May 2, when some enemy transports were observed moving dispatches to the British war missions today stated. Were it not practically certain that another great attack will be delivered by the Germans in the very near future, one might be misled by the number of small operations and successful raids into thinking that the situation had settled down into the old stationary trench warfare phase again, the dispatches added. The enemy is experiencing great difficulty with his transportation and communication service. In addition to

HALF MILLION AMERICAN TROOPS ON FRENCH SOIL

Washington, M 8 .- More than half a million soldiers have been sent to France. Secretary Baker authorized the statement this aft-

congress in January that 500,000 troops would be dispatched to France early in the present year has now been surpassed.

KAISER MADE JOYFUL OVER PEACE MADE WITH RUMANIA

Berlin, via Amsterdam, May 8.—
Emperor William replied to Chancellor Von Hertling's congratulations on the conclusion of peace between Germany and Rumania with this message:

"The termination of the state of war in the east fills me also with proud joy and gratitude. Thanks to God's gracious help, the German people, with never failing patriotism, under heiliant military leadership and with the assistance of atrong diplomacy, are lighting step by step for a happy future.
"I cannot but convey my thanks on this occasion to you and also to your collaborators. God will help us to pass through the struggle which the hostile with our allies and I confer on you as a strong diplomacy and her allies."

Kaiser's Telegram.

Emperor William in a telegram to Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the German secretary of foreign affairs, said:

"The conclusion of peace with flumnana gives me an opportunity of expressing my joyful matisfaction that peace hus now been given to the entire castern front.

"May rich blessings descend on the people concerned from the resumption of peaceful labor to which they can now devote themselves.

"I thank you and your collaborators for the work done in loyal co-operation with our allies and I confer on you as a support of the good of Germany and her allies."

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Capt. Hall, One of Leading

American Aviators, in Thrill
program and give the nation facts covering the entire production question.

"I cannot but convey my thanks on this occasion to you and also to your of the struggle which the hostile situation, members declared today, and are more properly a subject for inventage of the powers still under arms a sign of my appreciation the order attitude of the powers still under arms a sign of my appreciation the order attitude of the powers still under arms a sign of my appreciation the order attitude of the powers still under arms a sign of my appreciation the order attitude of the powers still under arms a sign of my appreciation the order attitude of the powers still under arms a sign of my appreciation the order attitude of the powers at the production are more properly a subject for inventage.

TWO AVIATORS INJURED.

(Associated Press.)

Mineola, N. Y., May 8.—One American army aviator cadet was killed and two others were injured

in collision between two airplanes above Central Park, Long Island, this afternoon. The student who was killed was John B. Erwin, of Muldrow, Mas. The injured eadets

are Raleph E. Jeremy, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Julian R. Vidner, of

BOLSHEVIKI ARRESTED SAY

(International News Service.)

the Japanese business association at

AMERICANS IN MEXICO

Irkutsk has been arrested on charge of espionage.

ORDERS EXPULSION OF

(Associatiff Peeus.)

Washington, May 8.—Unofficial ad-

for expulsion from Mexico, by the Carranza government, of Robert H. Murray, the representative of the committee on public information in

Mexico City, who, in that capacity,

has been in charge of the work con-ducted by the American government

SEVEN PERSONS DROWN

Terrific Rain Strikes West Vir-

ginia Village.

Clarksburg, W. Va. May 1 - Seven persons were drowned when a terrific rainstorm struck the Dodd ridge

ounty village of Big Isase across the larrison county line today. In the

flood, a dozen dwellings were carried

down by Hig Isnac creek, carryit

their sleeping occupants. An entire family of six persons was wiped out.

The victims are: a carpenter, his

Harrison county line today.

James Carler, 35, a carpen wife and their four children,

to offset German propagands.

JAPANESE VICE-CONSUL

Washington, D. C.

NECESSITY OF QUARTERLY MISSISSIPPIAN KILLED; REGISTRATION URGED

Crowder Wants Money to Finance Work of Combing Out Slackers.

(International News Service.) Washington, May 8.-The necessity for quarterly registration of men who become 21, if the demand for men increases, was impressed upon the house military affairs committee today by Pro-vost Marshal-General Crowder.

He asked for an appropriation of \$15,000,000 to cover the work of his Loadon, May & Bolsheviki are he-lieved to have acrested the Japanese vice-consul at Irkutak, Siberia, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Pekin today. Official denial has al-German flavor about the crushing year. Some of the items were made larger than seemed absolutely necesready been issued by the bolsheviki regime, however. It is certain, the disputch added, that the chairman of quarterly registration will have to be

Washington, May 8 In defiance of appropriated for the use of the prothe German submarines, the United vost marshal general's office. Of this
States is sending grain to Switzerland amount \$7,000,000 remained unaboard armed ships under heavy naval touched. Gen. Crowder said.

ago, two more sailed last week and wide combing through the second third and fourth draft classes to climinate stackers from those clabses He asked for a large appropriation for carrying out this work. The cases of Noison Morris and of Robert Scripps were thoroughly discussed in

the committee. Not Traced Effect.

engaged dropped toward the ground. It is unknown what happened !- them. Lord French was formerly combut two of them apparently were in mander of the British troops in France providing that credit be given for vol.

Atlanta, Ga., May 8.—A compromise measure on the removal of the four-tyear time limit was adopted at today's sersion of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, when, by a vote of 162 to 126, the conference acted in favor of an amendment to the minority report of the The usual German game was to have the "ultimate effect" of granting

TORPEDOED MAY 2

(International News Berviot.) Washington, May 8.—Members of the naval armed guard reported to have lost their lives when the American steamship Tyler was torpedoed by a German submarine on May 2, were announced by the navy department this afternoon as Leo M. Carre, electrician, Albert

Arthur E. Johnson, seaman, Woon-

Pittsburg, Pa

ages range from 2 to 9 and Mrs. Le-CHARGED WITH BEING DANGEROUS ALIEN

New Orieans, May 8.—Andreas Ruser, registered enemy alien, who, according to the authorities, admitted he formerly was employed in a torpedo factory in Germany, was arrested by federal agents here today, charged with being a dangerous alien. Roser was arrested in his vulcanizing abon, Henry C. Minaltk, seamen, New Or-where the authorities said they found a large quantity of cotton other matetheir suspicions against him.

Howard R. Smith, gunner's male, had a revetter and cattridges, in vio-little of the president's proclamation